AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A software-management system comprising a ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device and an information-processing device, the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device including:

a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data;

a secure storage unit not directly accessible from outside, and having stored therein license information relating to a usage condition of the software; and

a tamper-resistant module operable to judge, based on the license information, whether an operation, being one of installing software on the information-processing device and deactivating installed software, is permitted, and when judged in the affirmative, to output to the information-processing device an instruction showing that the operation is permitted, and to rewrite the license information in accordance with the operation, and

the information-processing device including:

a receiving unit operable to receive the instruction from the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device; and

a control unit operable to perform, in accordance with the received instruction, one of (i) receiving software from the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device and installing the received software in the information-processing device, and (ii) deactivating installed software.

2. (Currently Amended) The software-management system of claim 1, further comprising a software-writing device, ~~that includes~~ the software-writing device comprising:

an information-storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data, and

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license information relating to a usage condition of the software;

a reading unit operable to read the software and the license information from the information-storage unit; and

an output unit operable to output the read software and license information, wherein the ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u> further includes:

a receiving unit operable to receive the software and the license information; and

a writing unit operable to write the received software to the normal storage unit and the received license information to the secure storage unit.

3. (Currently Amended) The software-management system of claim 2, wherein

the software-writing and information-processing devices are connected to each another via a network,

the output unit of the software-writing device outputs the software securely via the network,

the information-processing device further includes:

a receiving unit operable to receive the software securely via the network; and

an output unit operable to output the received software to the ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u>, and

the receiving unit of the ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u> receives the software from the information-processing device.

4. (Currently Amended) The software-management system of claim 2, further

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comprising a distribution device, wherein

the software-writing, information-processing, and distribution devices are connected to

each another via a network,

the output unit of the software-writing device outputs the license information securely via

the network,

the information-processing device further includes:

a receiving unit operable to receive the license information securely via the network; and

an output unit operable to output the received license information to the ~~recording~~

~~medium~~ portable recording device, and

the receiving unit of the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device receives the license

information from the information-processing device.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device, comprising:

a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data;

a secure storage unit not directly accessible from outside, and having stored therein

license information relating to a usage condition of the software; and

a tamper-resistant module operable to judge, based on the license information, whether an

operation, being one of installing software on an information-processing device and deactivating

installed software, is permitted, and when judged in the affirmative, to output to the information-

processing device an instruction showing that the operation is permitted, and to rewrite the

license information in accordance with the operation.

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6. (Currently Amended) The ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u> of claim 5, wherein

the normal storage unit stores the software, being one of a computer program and digital data,

the secure storage unit stores the license information, which relates to a usage condition of one of the computer program and the digital data, and

the tamper-resistant module judges whether the operation, being one of (i) installing or uninstalling the computer program with respect to the information-processing device and (ii) duplicating or deleting the digital data, is permitted.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u> of claim 5, wherein

the normal storage unit stores the software, being one of a computer program and digital data that have been encrypted using a soft key,

the secure storage unit stores the license information, which includes the soft key, and

the tamper-resistant module, when installation is judged to be permitted, extracts the soft key from the license information, and outputs the instruction with the extracted soft key included therein.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u> of claim 5, wherein

the secure storage unit stores the license information, which includes signature data

relating to the software, and

the tamper-resistant module, when installation is judged to be permitted, extracts the

signature data from the license information, and outputs the instruction with the extracted

signature data included therein.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A recording medium ~~of claim 5, wherein~~ comprising:

a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data;

~~the~~ a secure storage unit ~~stores the~~ not directly accessible from outside, and having stored

therein license information ~~information, which~~ relating to a usage condition of the software, the

licensing information including ~~includes~~ signature data relating to the software; [[,]] and

a ~~the~~ tamper-resistant ~~module, when installation is judged to be permitted,~~ module

operable to judge, based on the license information, whether an operation, being one of installing

software on an information-processing device and deactivating installed software, is permitted,

and when judged in the affirmative, to extract ~~extracts~~ the signature data from the license

information, ~~and outputs~~ to output the extracted signature data ~~instead of the instruction~~ to the

information-processing device, and to rewrite the license information in accordance with the

operation.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device of claim 5,

wherein

the secure storage unit stores the license information, which is generated by encrypting

the usage condition using predetermined key information, and

the tamper-resistant module stores the key information, decrypts the license information using the key information to generate the usage condition, and performs the judgment based on the generated usage condition.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device of claim 5, wherein

the secure storage unit stores a part rather than a whole of the license information, and

the tamper-resistant module stores the remaining part of the license information, extracts the part of the license information stored in the secure storage unit, generates the license information from the extracted part and the stored remaining part, and performs the judgment based on the generated license information.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device of claims 5, wherein

the license information is a permitted usage count of the software, and

the tamper-resistant module judges whether installation is permitted by judging whether the permitted usage count is greater than 0, judges that installation of the software is permitted when judged to be greater than 0, outputs the instruction, and writes the permitted usage count to the secure storage unit after reducing the count by 1.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device of claim 5, wherein

the license information is a permitted usage count of the software, and

the tamper-resistant module outputs the instruction when judged that deactivation of the

software is permitted, and writes the permitted usage count to the secure storage unit after

increasing the count by 1.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device of claim 5,

wherein

the license information is a permitted usage period of the software, and

the tamper-resistant module judges whether installation is permitted by judging whether a

current date-time is within the permitted usage period, judges that installation of the software is

permitted when judged to be within the permitted usage period, and outputs the instruction.

15. (Currently Amended) An information-processing device that performs at least one

of installing and deactivating software, said information-processing device comprising:

a receiving unit operable to receive an instruction from a ~~recording medium~~ portable

recording device; and

a control unit operable to perform, in accordance with the received instruction, one of (i)

receiving software from the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device and installing the

received software in ~~the~~ said information-processing device, and (ii) deactivating installed

software, wherein

the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device includes:

a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data;

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a secure storage unit not directly accessible from outside, and having stored therein

license information relating to a usage condition of the software; and

a tamper-resistant module operable to judge, based on the license information, whether an

operation, being one of installing software on ~~the~~ said information-processing device and

deactivating installed software, is permitted, and when judged in the affirmative, to output to ~~the~~

said information-processing device an instruction showing that the operation is permitted, and to

rewrite the license information in accordance with the operation.

16. (Currently Amended) The information-processing device of claim 15, wherein

the secure storage unit of the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device stores the

license information, which includes signature data relating to the software,

the tamper-resistant module of the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device, when

installation is judged to be permitted, extracts the signature data from the license information,

and outputs the instruction with the extracted signature data included therein,

~~the~~ said receiving unit receives the instruction with the signature data included therein,

and

~~the~~ said control unit performs one of (i) verifying a correctness of software received from

the ~~recording medium~~ portable recording device using the received software and the signature

data included in the received instruction and (ii) verifying a correctness of software installed in

~~the~~ said information-processing device using the installed software and the signature data

included in the received instruction, and if verification is successful, performs the operation.

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17. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An information-processing device ~~of claim 15, wherein~~

that performs at least one of installing and deactivating software, said information-processing

device comprising:

a receiving unit operable to receive an instruction from a recording medium; and

a control unit operable to perform, in accordance with the received instruction, one of (i)

receiving software from the recording medium and installing the received software in said

information-processing device, and (ii) deactivating installed software, wherein

the recording medium includes:

a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data;

a ~~the~~ secure storage unit ~~of the recording medium~~ not directly accessible from the

outside, and having stored therein ~~stores the~~ license information ~~information, which~~ relating to a

usage condition of the software, the license information including ~~includes~~ signature data relating

to the software; and[[,]]

a ~~the~~ tamper-resistant module ~~of the recording medium, when installation is~~

~~judged to be permitted,~~ operable to judge, based on the license information, whether an

operation, being one of installing software on said information-processing device and

deactivating software, is permitted, and when judged in the affirmative, to extract ~~extracts~~ the

signature data from the license information, ~~and outputs~~ to output the extracted signature data

~~instead of the instruction~~ to said information-processing device, and to rewrite the license

information in accordance with the operation,

said ~~the~~ receiving unit receives the signature data, and

said ~~the~~ control unit verifies a correctness of software received from the recording

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medium using the received the signature data, and if verification is successful, installs the

received software in ~~the~~ said information-processing device.

18. (Currently Amended) A control method used by a ~~recording medium~~ portable

recording device that includes a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is

computer data, a secure storage unit not directly accessible from outside and having stored

therein license information relating to a usage condition of the software, and a tamper-resistant

module, the control method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

judging, based on the license information, whether an operation, being one of installing

software on an information-processing device and deactivating installed software, is permitted;

outputting to the information-processing device when judged in the affirmative, an

instruction showing the operation to be permitted; and

rewriting the license information in accordance with the operation.

19. (Currently Amended) A control computer program embodied on a computer-

readable storage medium, the program being used by a ~~recording medium~~ portable recording

device that includes a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data, a

secure storage unit not directly accessible from outside and having stored therein license

information relating to a usage condition of the software, and a tamper-resistant module, the

program causing the portable recording device to perform a method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

judging, based on the license information stored in the secure storage unit, whether an

operation, being one of installing software on an information-processing device and deactivating

installed software, is permitted;

outputting to the information-processing device when judged in the affirmative, an

instruction showing the operation to be permitted; and

rewriting the license information in accordance with the operation.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A software-management method used by an information-

processing device that performs at least one of installing and deactivating software, the software-

management method comprising the steps of:

receiving an instruction from a recording medium portable recording device; and

performing, in accordance with the received instruction, one of (i) receiving software

from the recording medium portable recording device and installing the received software in the

information-processing device, and (ii) deactivating installed software, wherein

the recording medium portable recording device includes:

a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data;

a secure storage unit not directly accessible from outside, and having stored therein

license information relating to a usage condition of the software; and

a tamper-resistant module operable to judge, based on the license information, whether an

operation, being one of installing software on the information-processing device and deactivating

installed software, is permitted, and when judged in the affirmative, to output to the information-

processing device an instruction showing that the operation is permitted, and to rewrite the

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license information in accordance with the operation.

22. (Currently Amended) A software-management computer program <u>embodied on a</u> <u>computer-readable storage medium, the program being</u> used by an information processing device that performs at least one of installing and deactivating software, <u>the program causing the</u> <u>information processing device to perform a method</u> comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving an instruction from a ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u>; and

performing, in accordance with the received instruction, one of (i) receiving software from the ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u> and installing the received software in the information-processing device, and (ii) deactivating installed software, wherein

the ~~recording medium~~ <u>portable recording device</u> includes:

a normal storage unit having stored therein software that is computer data;

a secure storage unit not directly accessible from outside, and having stored therein license information relating to a usage condition of the software; and

a tamper-resistant module operable to judge, based on the license information, whether an operation, being one of installing software on the information-processing device and deactivating installed software, is permitted, and when judged in the affirmative, to output to the information-processing device an instruction showing that the operation is permitted, and to rewrite the license information in accordance with the operation.

23. (Canceled)

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